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Applicant:	Johnson et al.	Examiner:	A. Kalinowski
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Title:	INVENTORY SALES SYSTEM AND METHOD		

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By: Name: Dan T. HinesRESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 28, 2002, please amend the above-identified application. A petition for a two-month extension of time and related fee is being filed concurrently herewith.

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are pending in this application. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are requested.

35 U.S.C. Sec. 103 Rejections

Claims 1, 2, and 8-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dworkin Patent No. 4, 992, 940. The rejection is traversed.

Claims 1 and 8-10 recite, in part, a computer system that identifies one or more alternative products "that corresponds to a buildable product" when a product that exactly corresponds to the requested product is not found. Individually, and in combination, Dworkin,